

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
**Wis. 18: 6-9; Ps 32; Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48**

<p><b>Saturday 10th August 2019</b>                      5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)                      6:30pm: Tambini Family</p>	<p><b>Sunday 11th August 2019</b>                      8:30am: Richard Hanrahan RIP                      10:30am: People of the Parish                      (St. Clare of Assisi)</p>
<p><b>Monday 12th August 2019</b> (Feria)                      (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)                      8:30am: Exposition                      9:15am: Alexander Greatorex RIP</p>	<p><b>Tuesday 13th August 2019</b>                      (Feria) (St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus)                      8:30am: Exposition                      9:15am: Fr. Seamus Hetheron RIP                      (C. Redmond)</p>
<p><b>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</b>  <b>Wednesday 14th August 2019</b>                      8:30: Exposition                      9:15am: Rev. Fr. Noel Hanrahan                      M.H.M. RIP                      Followed by Novena                      10:00am: at Shalom Convent</p>	<p><b>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  <b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</b>  <b>Thursday 15th August 2019</b>  <b>6:30am:</b> Private Intention                      8:30am: Exposition                      9:15am: Margaret O'Neil RIP                      (Hughes Family)  <b>7.30pm:</b> People of the Parish</p>
<p><b>Friday 16th August 2019</b> (Feria)                      (St. Stephen of Hungary)                      8:30am: Exposition                      9:15am: Jerome Manuel Desouza                      RIP</p>	<p><b>Saturday 17th August 2019</b>                      (Feria) (Our Lady)                      10:00am: at Shalom Convent</p>

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**  
**Jer. 38: 4-6, 8-10; Ps 39; Heb 12: 1-4; Luke 12: 49-53**

<p><b>Saturday 17th August 2019</b>                      5:30-6:15pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)                      6:30pm: Ted Chill RIP</p>	<p><b>Sunday 18th August 2019</b>                      8:30am: Josie Shandley RIP                      10:30am: People of the Parish</p>
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**Anniversaries of Death**

Philip Dennehy, Alexander Greatorex, Sr. Ita Hynes, Margaret Mary Waugh, Joyce Daly, Carmen Aprahamian, Bernard Coligan, Antonietta Dobby, Francis Stickings, Tommy Jennings, Cecil Andrews, George Aprahamian, Anne Potter, Harriet Rattenbury, Paul Manley

**You must stand ready**

We have to be ready when the Lord comes to call us to our heavenly home. A good life is the best preparation we can make. We will enter into a kingdom promised to us by our heavenly Father who through his own kindness and generosity has chosen us as his own.



St Mary of the Crays  
 Catholic Church  
 (part of the Roman Catholic  
 Archdiocese of Southwark)

**Holy Mass is celebrated**  
**Monday – Friday at 9.15am**

*(Exposition & Morning Prayer:  
 8.30am;  
 Novena to Our Lady of the  
 Miraculous Medal:  
 Wednesday, after Mass)*

**Saturday 6:30pm**  
**Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am**  
 (with children's liturgy  
 of the Word of God)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 5:30pm-6:15pm**  
 and on request

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### Second Collection

This weekend there is a second collection for the Building Fund.

**Gift Aiders can use one of the spare envelopes, but please add your Gift Aid number.**

### Thursday 15th August 2019

Thursday 15th August 2019 is the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. There will be three Masses at **6:30am, 9.15am and 7:30pm**.

### The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, marks the end of Our Lady's earthly life.

It is a feast day at the beginning of harvest time that has been celebrated for almost fourteen centuries of our Church's history. And how appropriate, because Mary is the first of the great harvest gathered by her Blessed Son. Where Mary has gone we hope to follow.

The Assumption means that Mary, on completion of her earthly life, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven as the fulfilment of her destiny which she achieved by living a life of loving response to God's will.

The Assumption is a joyful feast, proclaiming for us the God News of salvation. It is a reminder that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that like Mary we are destined for glory.



### Annual Parish Feast Day

Our Annual Parish Feast Day this year will be on **Sunday 8th September**, the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It will be a day to celebrate together as a parish community through Liturgy and worship followed by sundry entertainments including talent show. The celebration will begin in the hall after the 10.30am Mass. Please bring a dish of food to share. Please wear a festive or international costume.

We want to encourage all parishioners to take an active part in the celebration as we hope to use the occasion to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our parish.

We are looking for volunteers to help to decorate the hall on Saturday evening, 7th September from 7pm.

### Clearing of the Church Compound

Parishioners are sincerely requested to come out and help clean up our Church grounds on **Saturday 14th September** from **9-11am**. This will require some digging and clearing in readiness for planting the new shrubs.

Please, if you are able to assist, kindly sign up on the form in the reception area. Thank you. Father David.

**Day of Renewal: Saturday 7th September 2019 at Aylesford Priory**  
**Healing and empowering with prophetic gifting**  
**Please see the notice board for further information.**

### Thank you for your generosity to your Parish

I want to thank all parishioners for your generous offerings to the parish throughout the year. Next month the next payment of £4,000.00 (the 5th of 10 installments) is due for repayment to the Welling Parish. I know that times are hard, but I would want to encourage those who are able, to give a little more to enable us to meet this important financial obligation. Thank you. Father David

### September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

Why has the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows? The Memorial of **Our Lady of Sorrows** falls right in the middle of the month on the **15th September**. The 15th September was chosen because the day before, the **14th September**, is the **Feast of the Triumph of the Cross**. Like many of the Marian feasts, the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows is tied to an event in the life of her Son. On the 14th September we celebrate the instrument of Christ's victory over death; and the next day, we remember the suffering of Mary as she stood at the foot of the Cross and witnessed the torture and death of her Son. We are also reminded of Simeon's words to Mary (Luke 2:34-35) at the Presentation of the Lord—that a sword would pierce her soul. Through these prayers for September, we can unite ourselves to Mary in her sorrow, in the hope that we will one day also share her joy in the triumph of her Son.

### VERY URGENT APPEAL FROM THE FOODBANK

We have received an appeal from Erith Foodbank this week who are desperately short of supplies at present. Anything you can give would be acceptable but I have updated the boxes in reception with their most needed items. **Tinned meat, tinned fish and tinned fruit are at crisis levels and are most urgent.** Thank you, as always, for your support which is needed more than ever. Alex Rees.

### Bexley Deanery Developing World Group

Thank you for your donations in the special envelopes over the past year. We raised £419.00 to help the Bexley Deanery Group to provide financial support to 7 different projects around the world and help Priests, Religious, Catholic Schools and Orphanages carry out much needed improvement and development works. New projects are now needed, do you know of any small independent projects in any country that would benefit from a donation of £1,000? Please contact our parish representative Peter Coward on 01322 272934 or 07804 135632 to get more information and an application form. Thank you.

### Your Living Churchyard Needs Your Help

Can you help to keep your local St. Paulinus Churchyard neat and tidy by working with us for up to 2 hours each month? We meet on the second Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon. The next work session is on Saturday **14th September**. No heavy jobs need be involved. Please help if you can. Please contact the **Church Office** on **01322 557532** or just turn up. You will be very welcome.

### Registered Childminder

Looking for registered childminder for drop offs and pick ups from St Mary's Playgroup, Monday to Wednesday 3 days a week starting September 2019. Holiday cover will be required. References will be taken up. Please contact Danika on 07985 621613 any time. If you leave a message I will call you back.